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Status							
1)☑	Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>04 Se</u>	entember 2000					
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•	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.						
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Dispositi	on of Claims						
4)🖂	Claim(s) <u>1,2,6-9,13,17 and 25</u> is/are pending ir	the application.					
•	4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.						
	5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.						
·	6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1,2,6-9,13,17 and 25</u> is/are rejected.						
	Claim(s) is/are objected to.						
•	Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or	election requirement.					
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9) 🗆 -	The specification is objected to by the Examine	r.					
10)⊠ The drawing(s) filed on <u>23 September 2005</u> is/are: a)⊠ accepted or b)⊡ objected to by the Examiner.							
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11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.							
Priority u	nder 35 U.S.C. § 119						
<ul> <li>12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).</li> <li>a) All b) Some * c) None of:</li> <li>1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.</li> <li>2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No</li> <li>3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).</li> <li>* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.</li> </ul>							
2) Notice (3) Inform	e of References Cited (PTO-892) e of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) nation Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) r No(s)/Mail Date	4)  Interview Summary Paper No(s)/Mail Da 5)  Notice of Informal Pa	te				

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-2, 6-9, 13, 17 & 25 are pending in the application.

2. Claims 3-5, 10-12, 14-16 & 18-24 have been canceled.

## Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-2, 6-9, 13, 17 & 25 have been considered but are most in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

## Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

- 4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:
  A person shall be entitled to a patent unless
  - (a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.
- Claim 1-2, 6-9, 13, 17 & 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Ahmavaara et al., ("Broadcast and Multicast Services in Mobile Networks", XVIII World Telecommunications Congress 2002, Paris, France, September 22-27, 2002).

In regards to Claims 1, 7, 13, 17 & 25, Ahmavaara discloses a method (apparatus) comprising: decoding in a receiver transmission parameter information signaling data from a signal and determining from the decoded transmission parameter signaling data if the signal carries time-sliced elementary streams (Sec. 3.4, "Time slicing" & Sec. 4.2, "Service announcements") {Interpretation: The reference discloses time slicing data from the transmitter to a receiver wherein the receiver is capable of receiving both time sliced streams and also streams not time

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sliced. The reference further discloses providing a signaling mechanism "intelligent wake up method" to distinguish between time sliced and non time sliced streams); and determining from the decoded transmission parameter signaling data whether the signal has a forward error correction framing structure (Sec. 4.4, "Quality of Service"). Ahmavaara further discloses implementing the parameters in an COFDM system at a predetermined location (Fig. 4 & Table 1).

In regards to Claims 2 & 8, Ahmavaara discloses a method (apparatus) as described above. Ahmavaara further discloses disregarding the signal in the event of a negative determination (Sec. 3.4, "Time slicing") {Interpretation: The reference discloses a receiver that is "ON" during a time sliced mode and is "OFF" the rest of the time thus discarding the signal in an event of a negative determination}.

In regards to Claims 6 & 9, Ahmavaara discloses a method (apparatus) as described above. Ahmavaara further discloses the transmission parameter signaling data is transmitted on a lower level than service information (Sec. 4.1 & Fig's. 2-3) {Interpretation: the reference discloses a cellular network which determines the "ON" / "OFF" which is a layer 1 while the quality of service is at layer 2}.

## Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SUDHANSHU C. PATHAK whose telephone number is (571)272-5509. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am-5pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Chieh M. Fan can be reached on 571-272-3042.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Sudhanshu C Pathak/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2611